

HOUSE BILL 2675
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AN ACT providing for directional signs on Interstates 40, 65 and 265 in Davidson County for the Bicentennial Mall.

WHEREAS, on June 1, 1996, Tennessee proudly celebrates its 200th anniversary as a state of this great union; as we joyously celebrate our Bicentennial, it is important that we remember the bountiful history and heritage of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, part of Tennessee's Bicentennial celebration has involved the construction of the new Bicentennial Mall, just north of the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, the state-of-the-art facilities, idyllic park, and panoramic vista which comprise the Bicentennial Mall are truly accomplishments of which all Tennesseans can be proud; and

WHEREAS, during Tennessee's Bicentennial celebration, many out-of-town guests will be visiting Nashville to participate in the Bicentennial festivities; and

WHEREAS, it is only appropriate that the Department of Transportation should erect signs on the Interstate highways in Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County to direct visitors to the location of this inspirational state memorial to our 200th anniversary of statehood; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, it shall be the duty of the department of transportation to erect and maintain directional signs at sites and facilities of educational and cultural interest to the citizens of the state, including the erection of

such signs for the Bicentennial Mall at the following locations on Interstate Highways 40, 65 and 265 in Davidson County:

- (1) Exit 207 (Jefferson Street) on I-40 East;
- (2) Exit 207 (28th Ave. North) on I-40 West;
- (3) Exit 1 (Metro Center Blvd.) on I-265, both northbound and southbound;
- (4) Exit 85 (Spring Street) on I-65 North; and
- (5) Exit 85 (N. 1st Street) on I-65 South.

SECTION 2. The erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 3. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein. If any proposed signage location is ruled in violation, all other signs which are approved shall be erected.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.